

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

San Gabriel Transit, Inc., dba City Cab Company,

Complainant,

vs.

Titan Capital Corp. dba Valley Cab & Valley  
Transportation Car & Limousine Service; East  
Valley Transportation, LLC; West Valley  
Transportation, LLC; Avetik Sarkissian and Brad  
Gunches,

Defendants.

Case 01-10-012  
(Filed October 10, 2001)

**SCOPING MEMO AND RULING OF ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER**

**Summary**

Following a prehearing conference in Los Angeles on February 28, 2002, and pursuant to Rules 6(b)(3) and 6.3 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, this ruling sets forth the procedural schedule, assigns a presiding officer, and addresses the scope of the proceeding.

**Background**

San Gabriel Transit, Inc. alleges that defendants have violated their charter-party authority by operating taxicab services in the San Fernando Valley.

### **Scope of the Proceeding**

The proceeding will consider the following issues:

- (1) Are the defendants operating as taxicabs under the guise of charter-party authority in violation of Pub. Util. Code §§ 5353(a)(9) and 5360.1?
- (2) Are defendants violating the Public Utilities Code and General Order 157-C?

### **Schedule**

The schedule for this proceeding is as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
April 5, 2002	Complainant's Opening Testimony Served.
May 6, 2002	Defendants' Responsive Testimony Served.
May 6, 2002	Complainant's Rebuttal Testimony Served.
June 6 and 7, 2002	Evidentiary Hearing at 10 a.m. at Commission Hearing Room, 320 West Fourth Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles, California 90013.

It is my goal to close this case within the 12-month statutory timeframe for resolution of adjudicatory proceedings. At this time, I foresee no extraordinary circumstances that would warrant an extension of the schedule.

### **Category of Proceeding and Need for Hearing**

This ruling confirms that this case is adjudicatory and is scheduled for hearing, as preliminarily determined in the Instructions to Answer.

### **Assignment of Presiding Officer**

ALJ Walker will be the presiding officer.

**Ex Parte Rules**

Ex parte communications are prohibited in adjudicatory proceedings under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(b) and Rule 7.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. The scope of the proceeding is as set forth herein.
2. The schedule for this proceeding is as set forth herein.
3. The presiding officer will be Administrative Law Judge Walker.
4. This proceeding is adjudicatory and is scheduled for hearing.
5. Ex parte communications are prohibited.

Dated March 7, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ GEOFFREY F. BROWN

Geoffrey F. Brown  
Assigned Commissioner

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Scoping Memo and Ruling of Assigned Commissioner on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 7, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JEANNIE CHANG

Jeannie Chang

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